



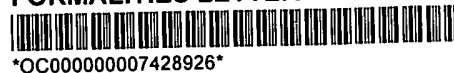
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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 because:
 - Papers contain improper margins. *Each sheet must have a left margin of at least 2.5 cm (1") and top, bottom and right margins of at least 2.0 cm (3/4")*

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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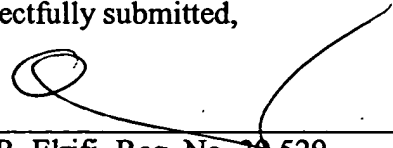
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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following documents:

1. Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (1 pg);
2. Copy of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (1 pg);
3. Substitute Specification (123 pgs);
4. Statement in Support of Substitute Specification (1 pg);
5. Petition for Extension of Time;
6. Check No.13319 in the amount of \$920.00 to cover extension fee; and,
7. Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-551CON-S2 (Cura 51CON-S2). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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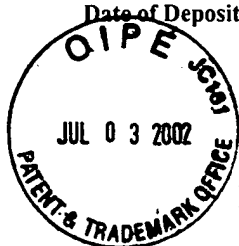


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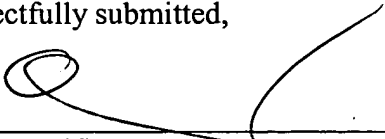
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

In response to the Notice To File Corrected Application Papers mailed February 6, 2002, 2002, Applicants submit herein a copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, Substitute Specification (123 pages); Statement in Support of Substitute Specification (1 page); and a three-month extension of time. This filing is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(b)(3), 1.125.

Please replace the previously filed specification with the attached substitute specification, pages 1-123.

The response is due on or before July 6, 2002. Although Applicants believe no fees are due with this filing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-551CON S-2 (CURA-51CON S-2).

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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION
(37 CFR 1.125(b)(1))**

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125(b)(1), I hereby state that the content of the substitute specification and the specification filed on October 31, 2001 are the same. Applicants hereby submit this substitute specification in response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed on February 6, 2002, which specifically requested a substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52. The correction of the margins is the only amendment made to the specification at this time. Thus, this submission includes no new matter.

Applicants believe that no fee is required for the filing of the present submission. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No.15966-551CON S-2 (CURA-51CON S-2).

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